Charles K Kao is a citizen of Hong Kong, China. He is a pioneer in fiber optics and communications. He is widely known as being the father of fiber optics. In 2009 he was awarded one-half of the Nobel physics award for groundbreaking achievements concerning the transmission of light in fibers for optical communication. He has had a multiplicity of Academic offices, as well as a myriad of honorary degrees and awards. He is currently Chairman and CEO of ITX Services. He also is a founder of The Independent School foundation in China, which the U.S has invested $2 billion into. As of now he lives in Hong Kong but occasionally he travels to the United States to visit his family.

Willard Sterling Boyle (85) is a Canadian physicist and co-inventor of the charged couple device, which is a device that measures the movement of electrical charge. He was awarded one-fourth of the Nobel physics prize in 2009 for the invention of an imaging semiconductor circuit—the CCD sensor. He retired in 1979 and settled in Wallace, Nova Scotia, aiding his wife in an managing an art gallery. As of now, he and his wife currently resides in Halifax

. George Elwood Smith (age 79) is an American co-inventor of the charge-coupled device. He was awarded a quarter of the 2009 Nobel physics prize. In 1969 Smith along with Willard Boyle invented the Charged-Coupled device. When he retired he sailed around the world for five years and eventually gave up his hobby. He and his wife currently reside in Waretown, New Jersey.